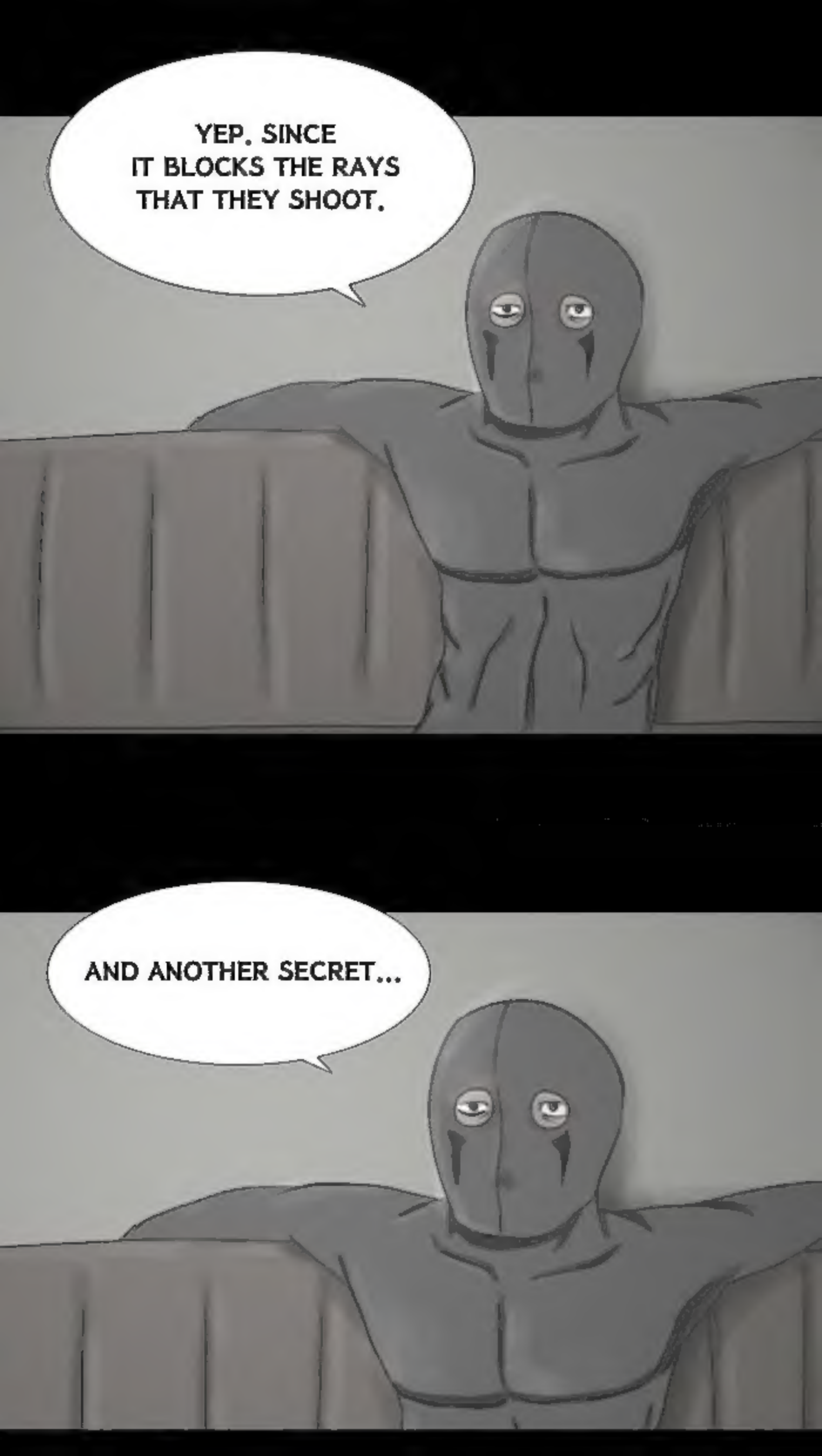
YEP. SINCE IT BLOCKS THE RAYS THAT THEY SHOOT.
AND ANOTHER SECRET...

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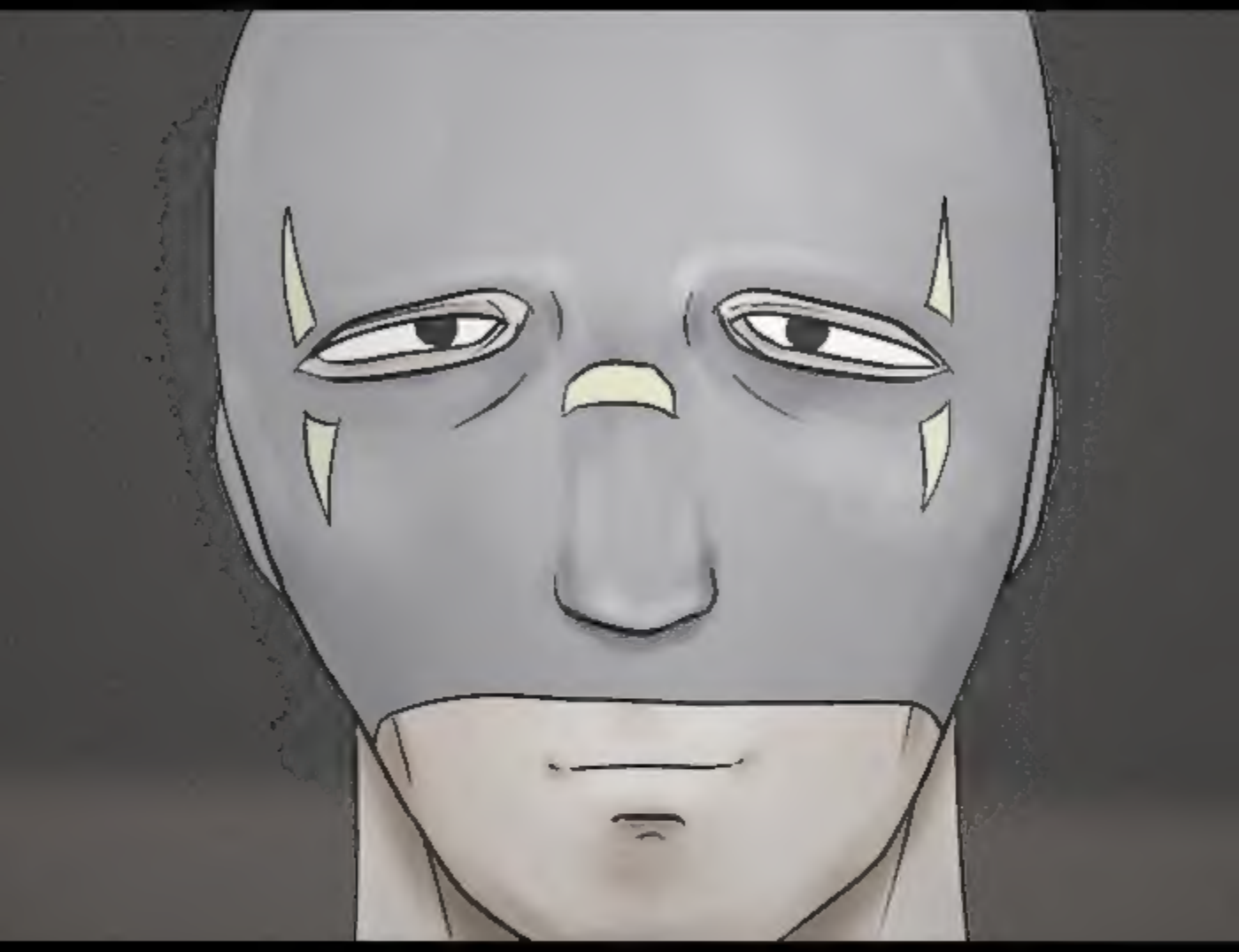
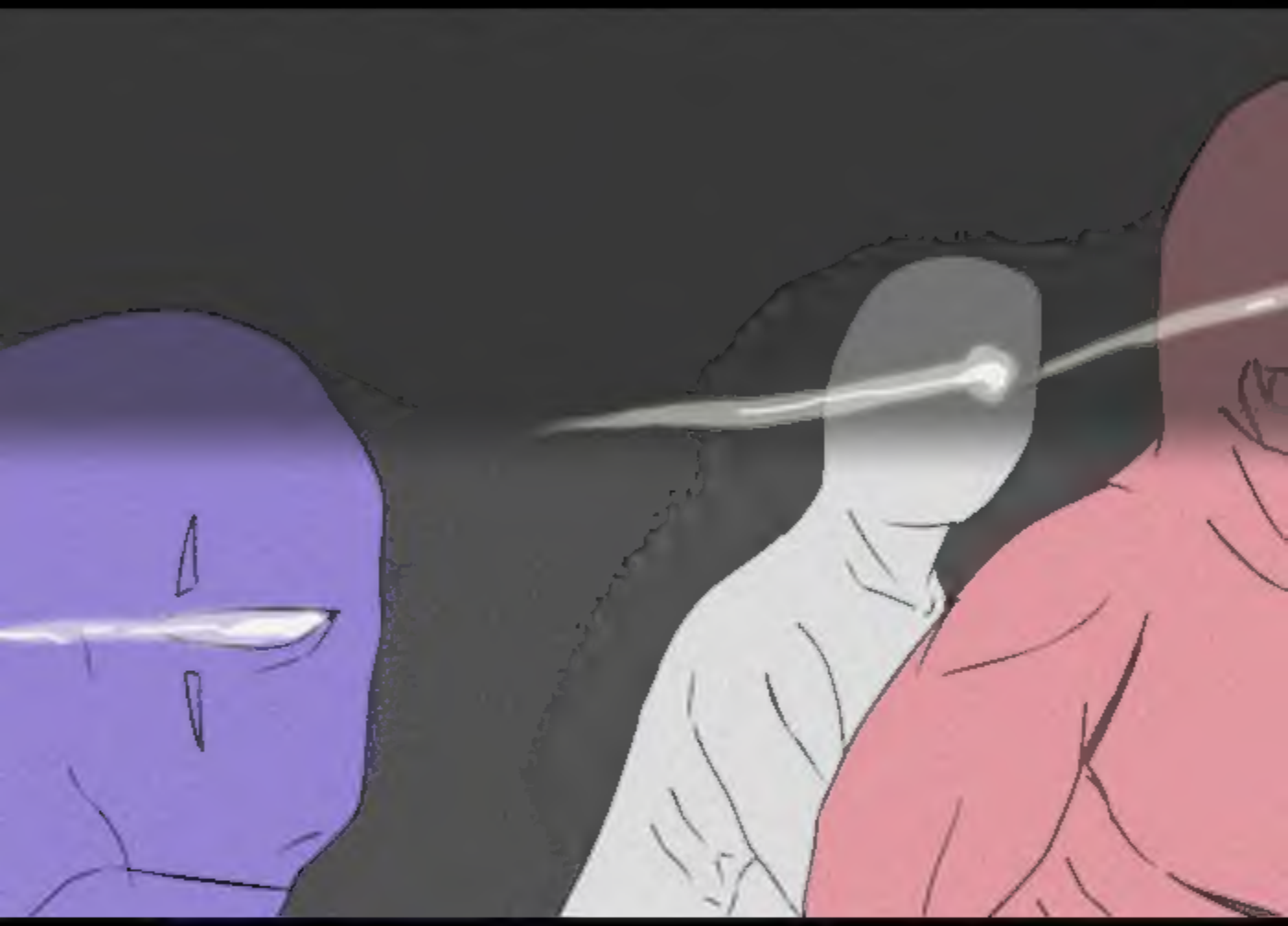


CODE NAME: REGENE

REGENERATES SEVERED BODY PARTS TO THEIR ORIGINAL STATE WITHIN 600 SECONDS. OTHER ABILITIES ARE STILL UNKNOWN.

SINCE I'M A HERO NOW TOO!



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE

AAAAHHH!!!

MOVE!!!!

WHAM-

WE'RE NOT
A REGULAR ARMY.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT
THAT MEANS?

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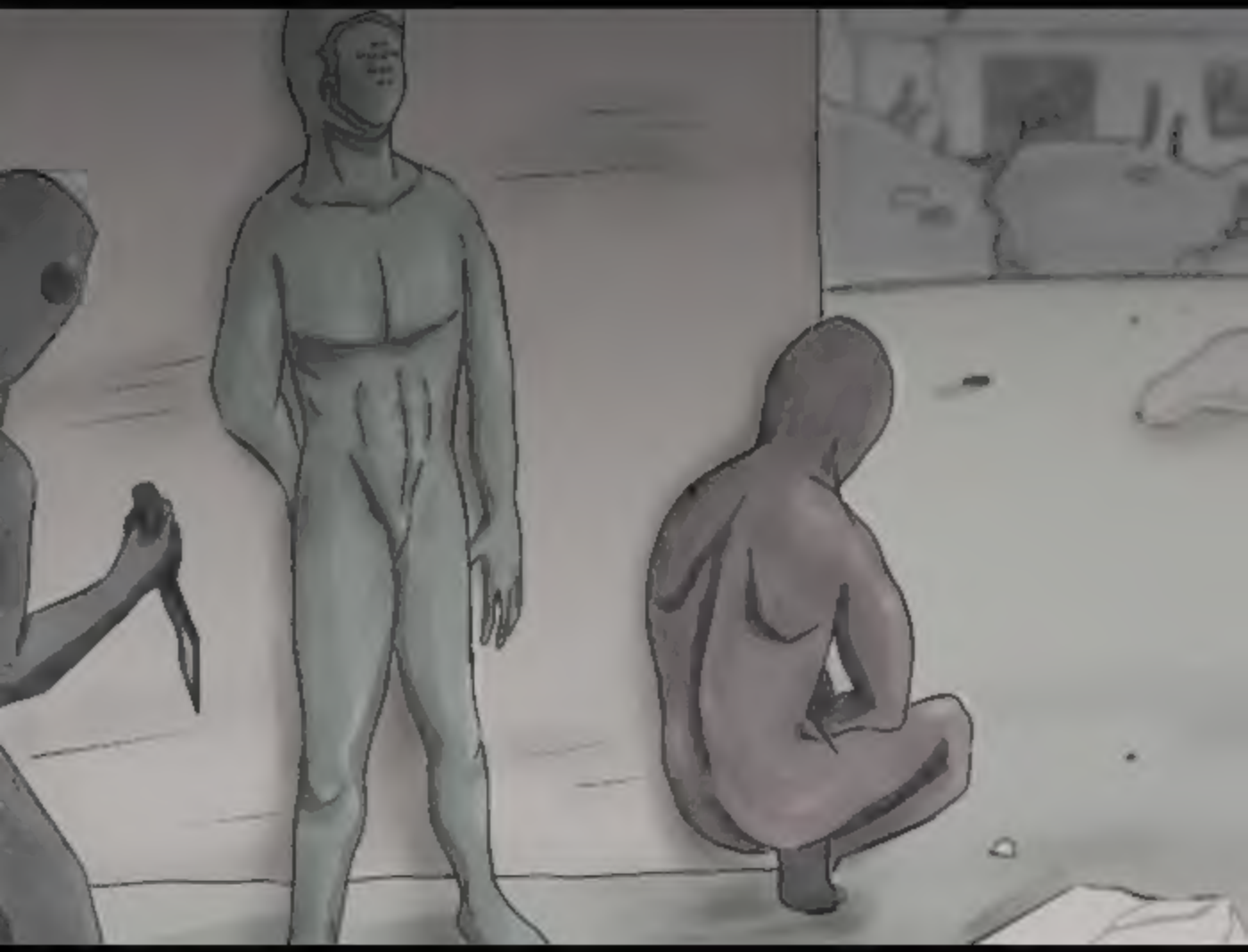


I'M SCARED AND NERVOUS.

BUT AT THE SAME TIME

EXCITED.

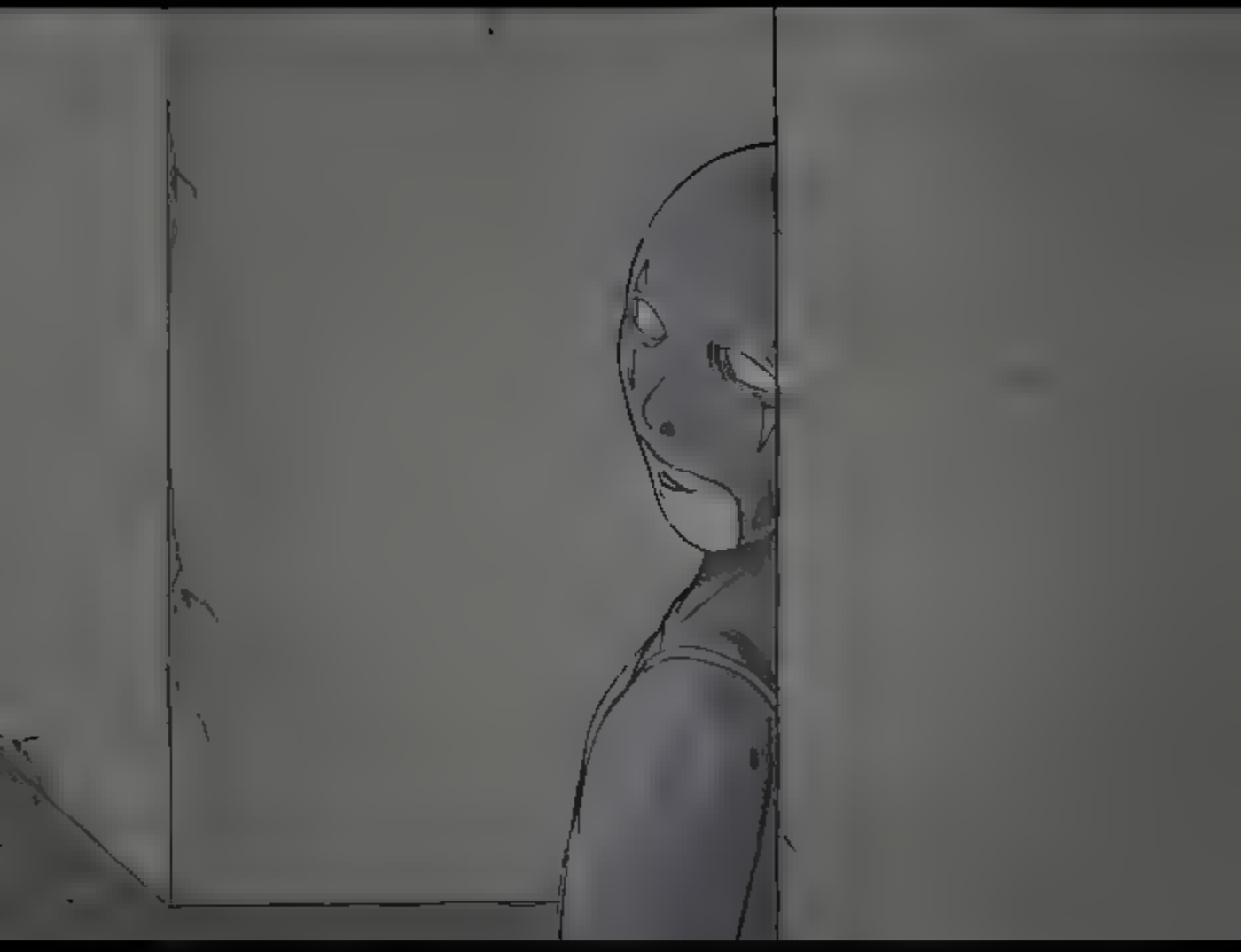
IS THAT THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO
ARE BRINGING THE LIGHT OF HOPE TO HUMANITY

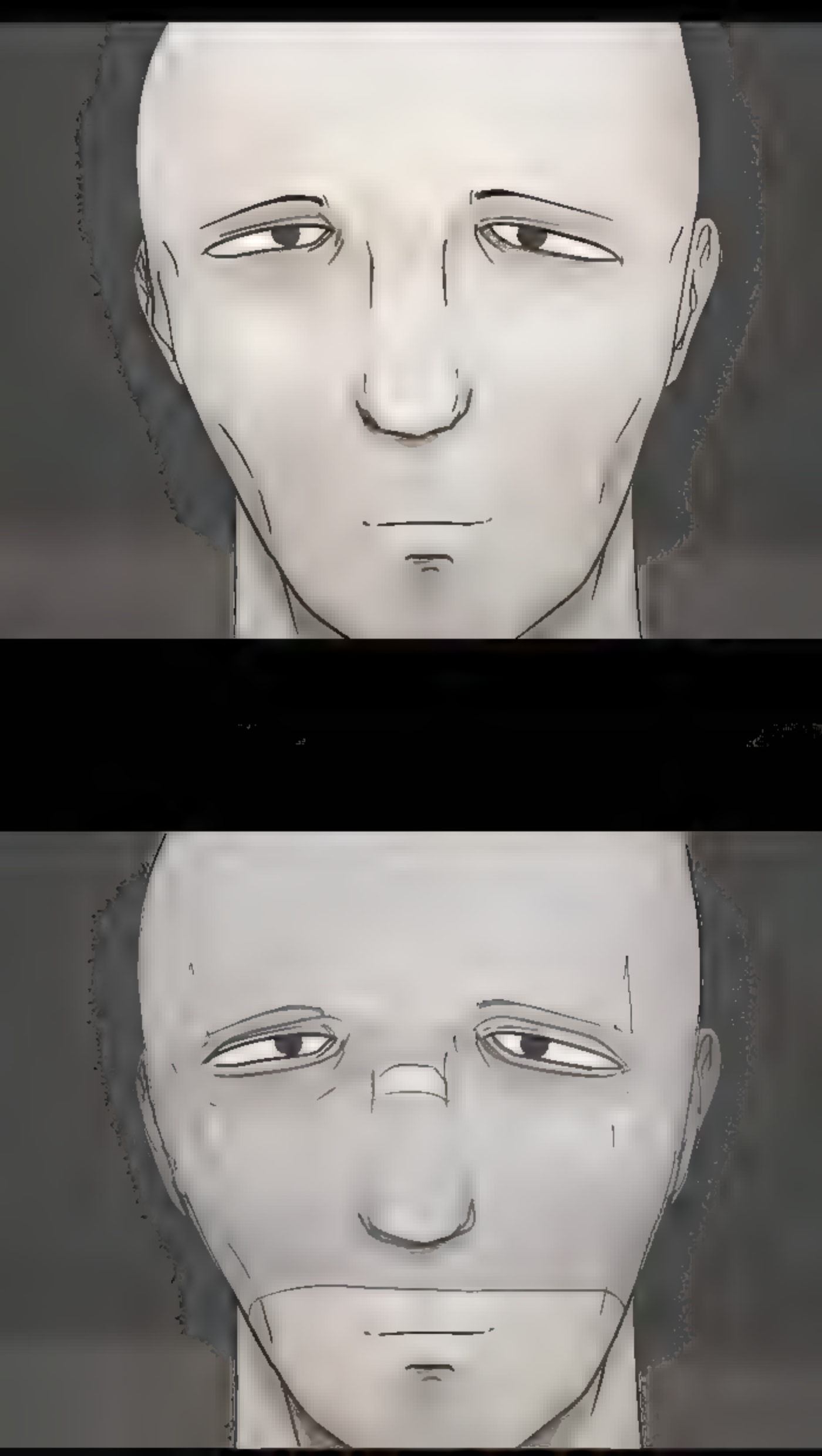
AND ANOTHER CERTAIN FACT

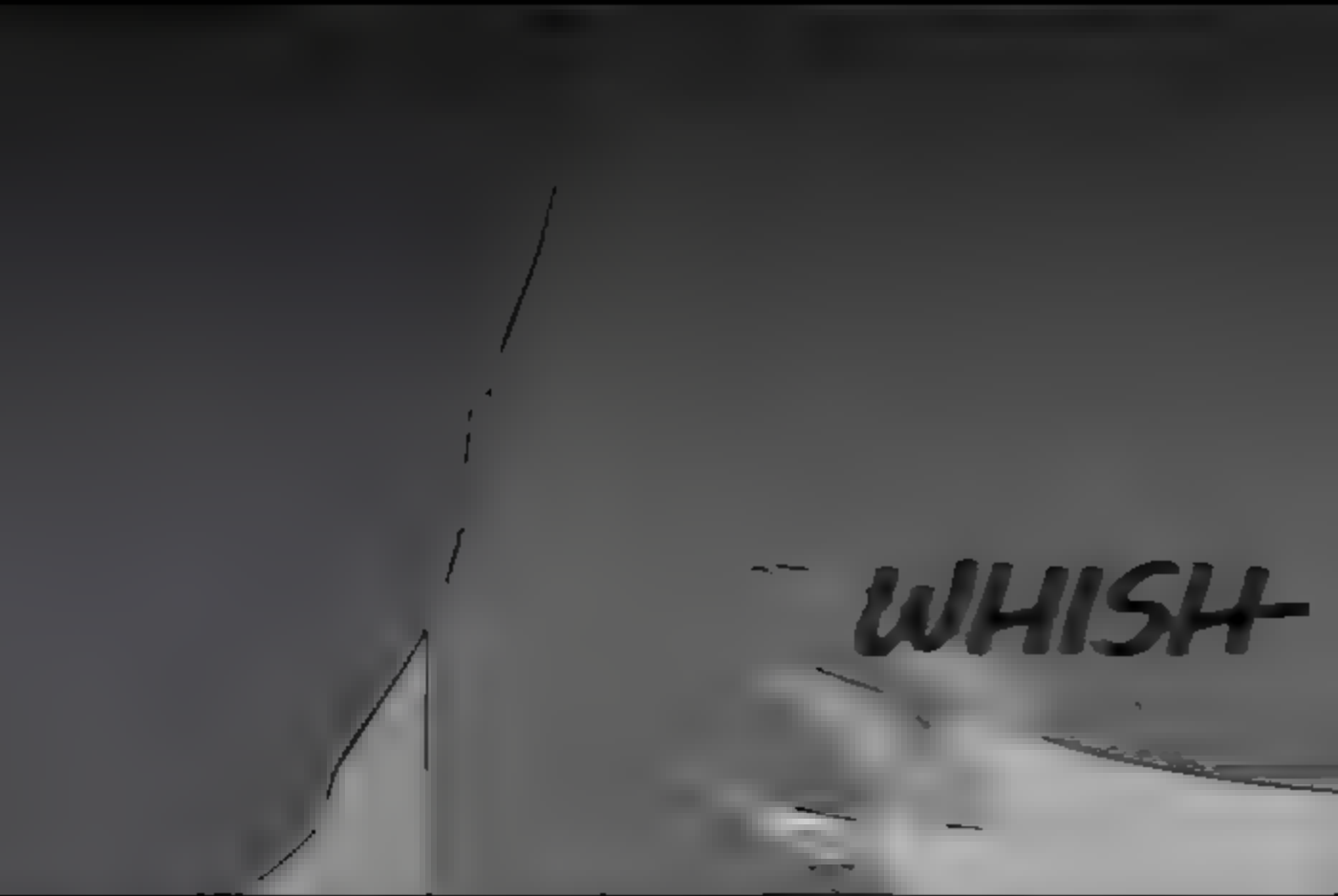
SECRET...?
GULP-
IT'S GOT AMAZING ELASTICITY. WAY MORE THAN SPANDEX.

MY ARM...

THIS ENERGY!



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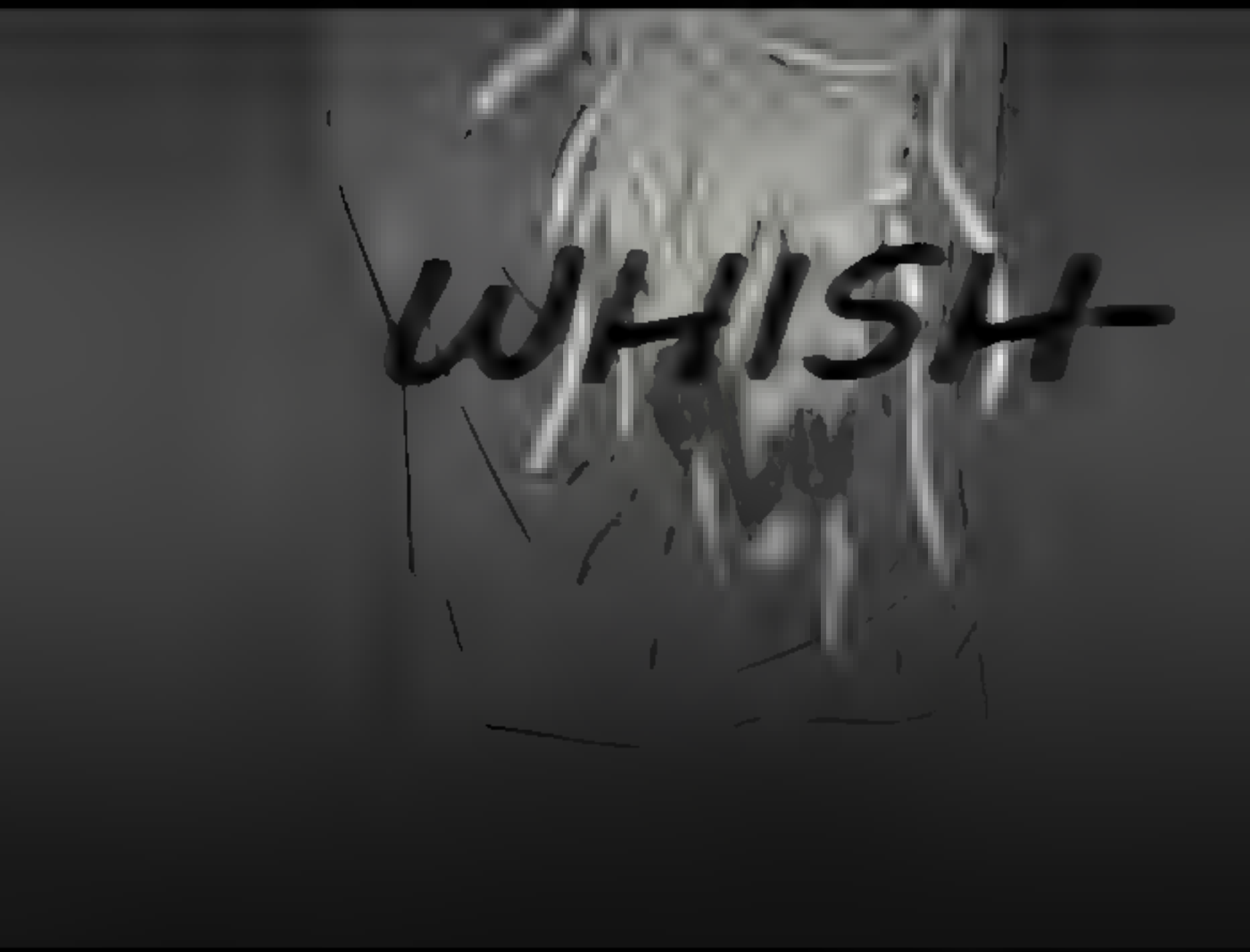
BUT IF YOU THINK OF IT ANOTHER WAY
THIS MEANS THAT WE'VE GOT A STRONGER SENSE OF BELONGING THAN ANY OTHER PLATOON.
RIGHT, SIR!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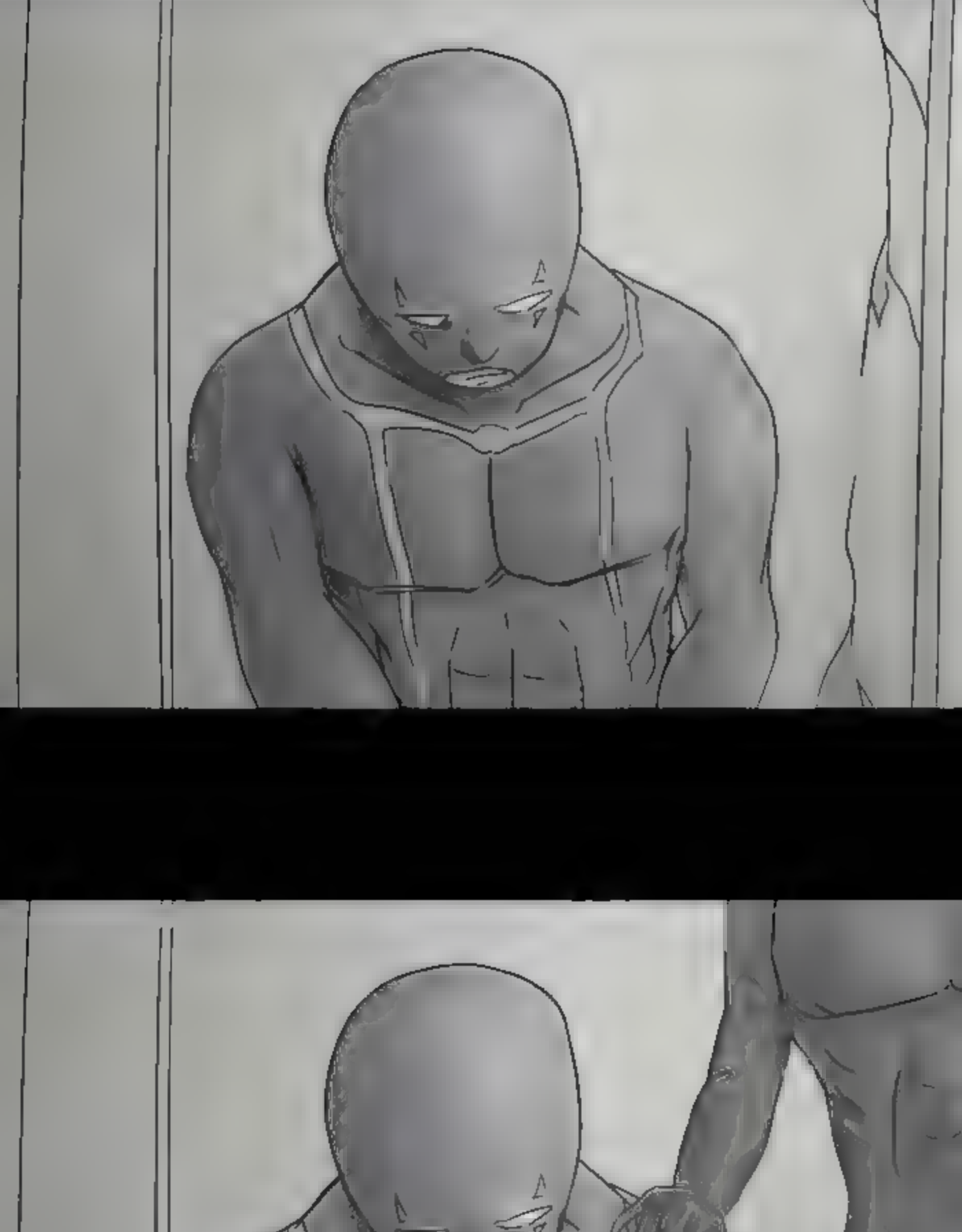
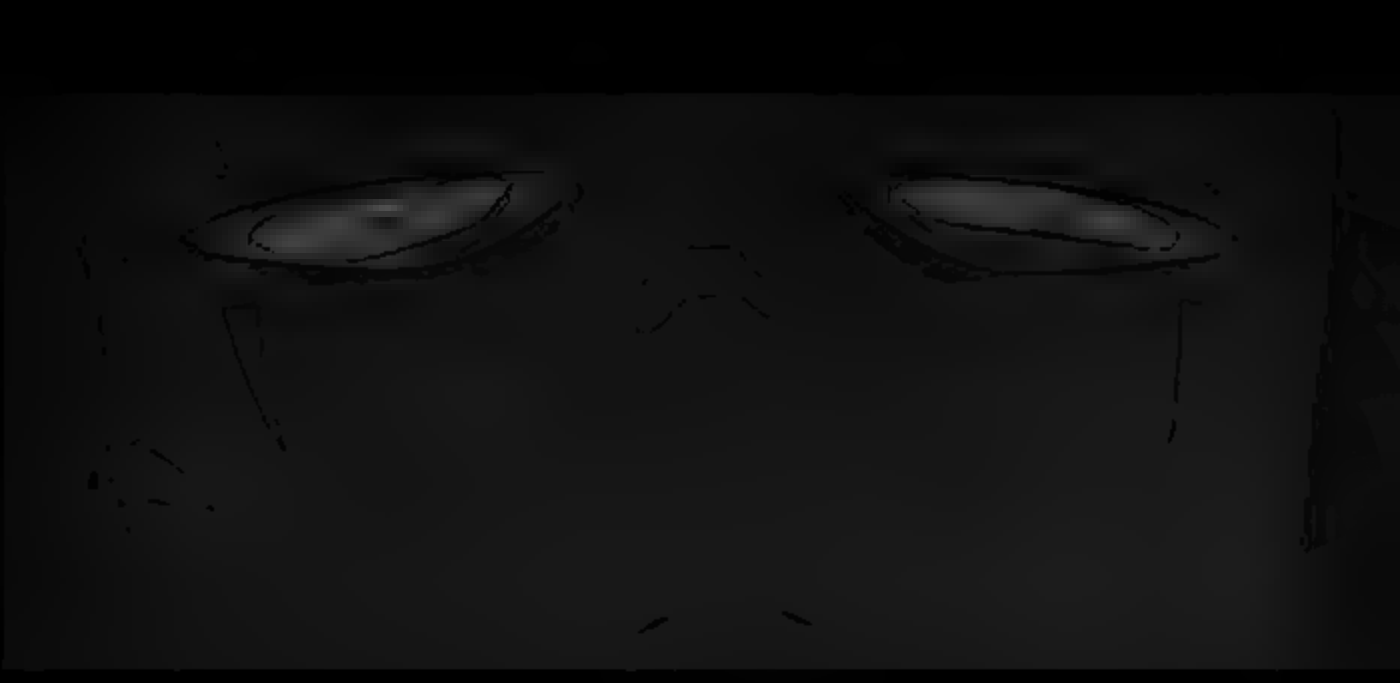
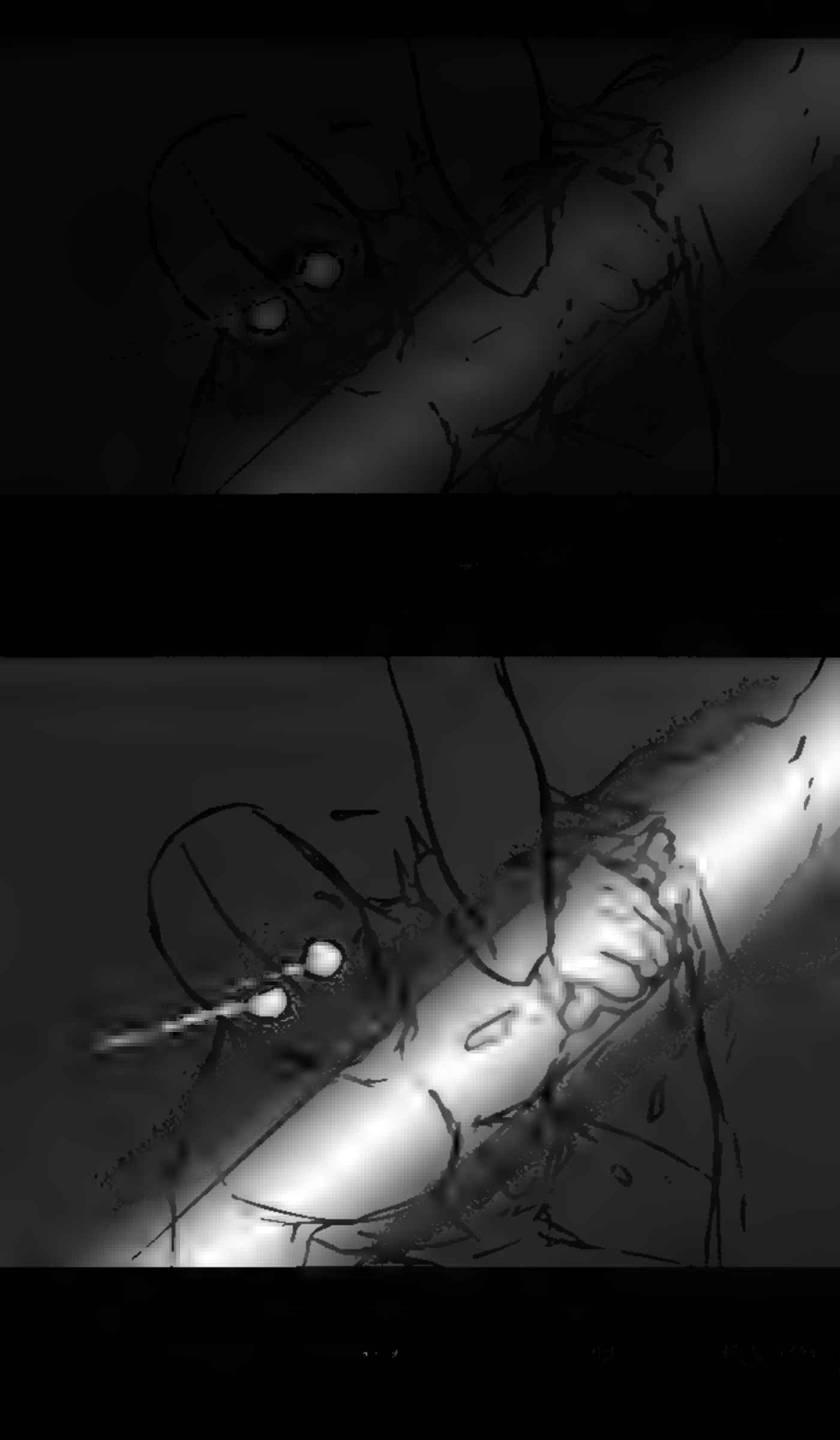




I LET MY GUARD DOWN.

I WAS SO EXCITED THAT I WAS NOW WORKING WITH THE HEROES WHOM I HAD LONGED TO BE

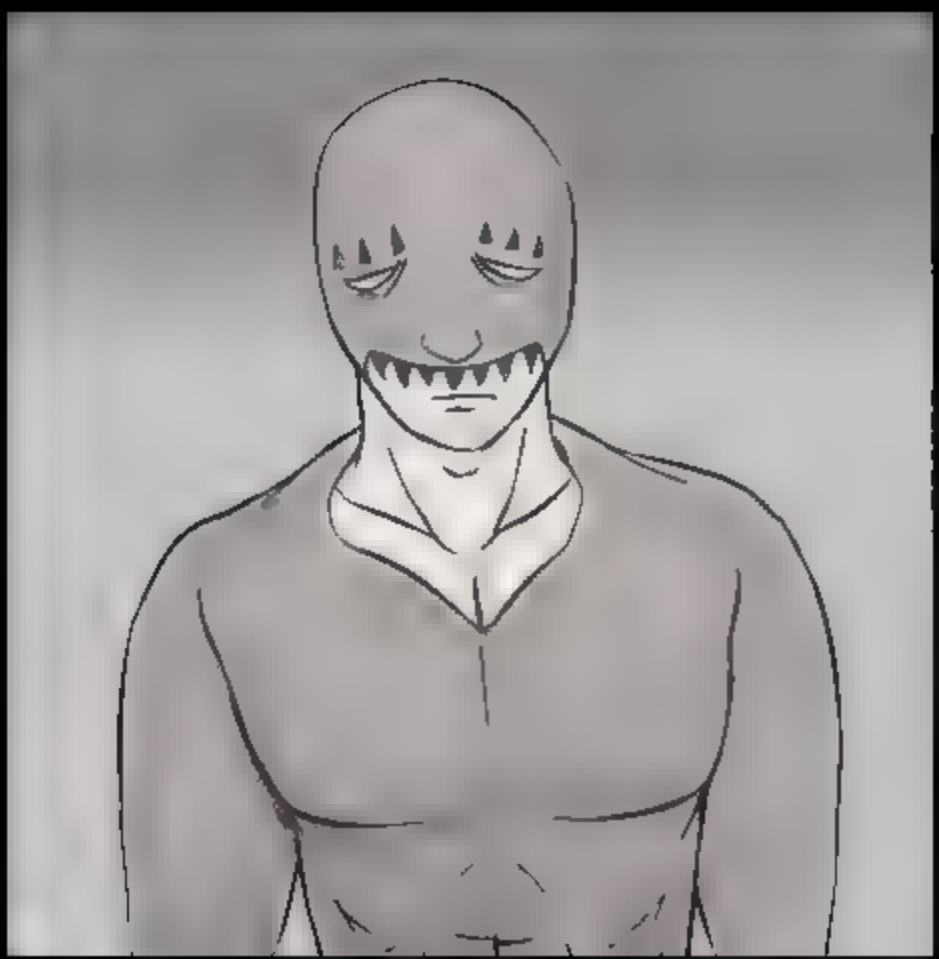


DON'T WORRY.
IT'D TAKE MORE THAN
THAT TO KILL
THE SQUAD
COMMANDER.

AH, RIGHT... ELASTICITY... HAHA...
THE SQUAD COMMANDER'S CALLING YOU. GO TO THE COMMAND CENTER.

IF WE GO,
SO DO YOU,
AND IF YOU GO,
SO DO WE.

THIS EXCITEMENT!

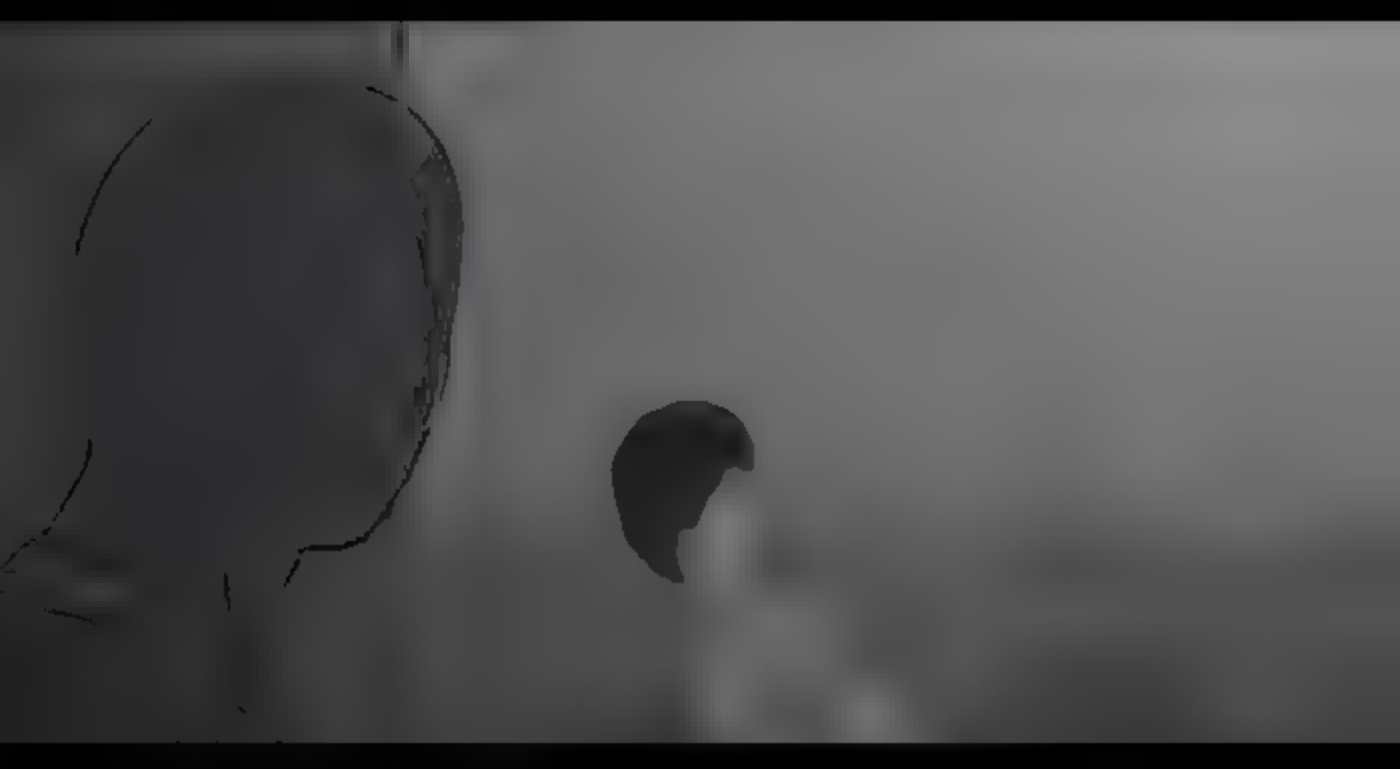


CODE NAME: MAMMOTH

HIS HIGH-DENSITY MUSCULAR TISSUE GIVES HIM
15 TIMES THE MUSCULAR POWER OF
A NORMAL ADULT MAN IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT,
LYMPH GLANDS ALL OVER HIS BODY SECRETE
A CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE THAT TURNS HIS BODY FLUIDS
INTO A HIGH-VISCOCITY GEL WHICH ABSORBS SHOCK.

LOOKS LIKE YOU
LIKE THAT SUIT, HUH?
AH, YEAH...

YES SIR!!!



AND

AM I REALLY

A SUPERHERO?

BUT THE THINGS THAT
I SAW HAPPENING IN FRONT OF ME WERE NOT SCENES
FROM AN ACTION MOVIE WHICH ALWAYS
ENDS WITH THE HEROES WINNING

THEY WERE PART OF A REALITY IN WHICH
YOU HAVE TO RISK YOUR LIFE AT EVERY SECOND.

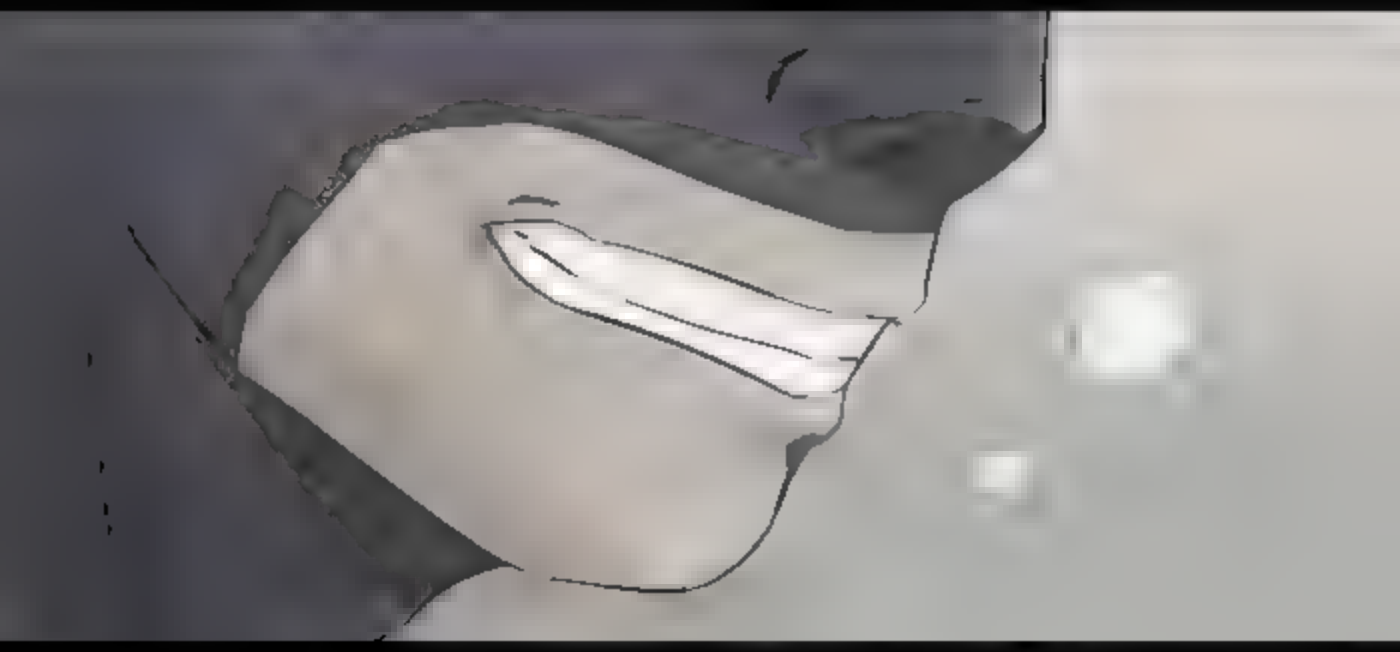
THERE ARE A LOT OF THEORIES
AS TO HOW THE HEROES CAME INTO BEING.

AND OTHERS SAY ITS A MIRACULOUS POWER GRANTED TO THEM BY A DIVINE BEING,

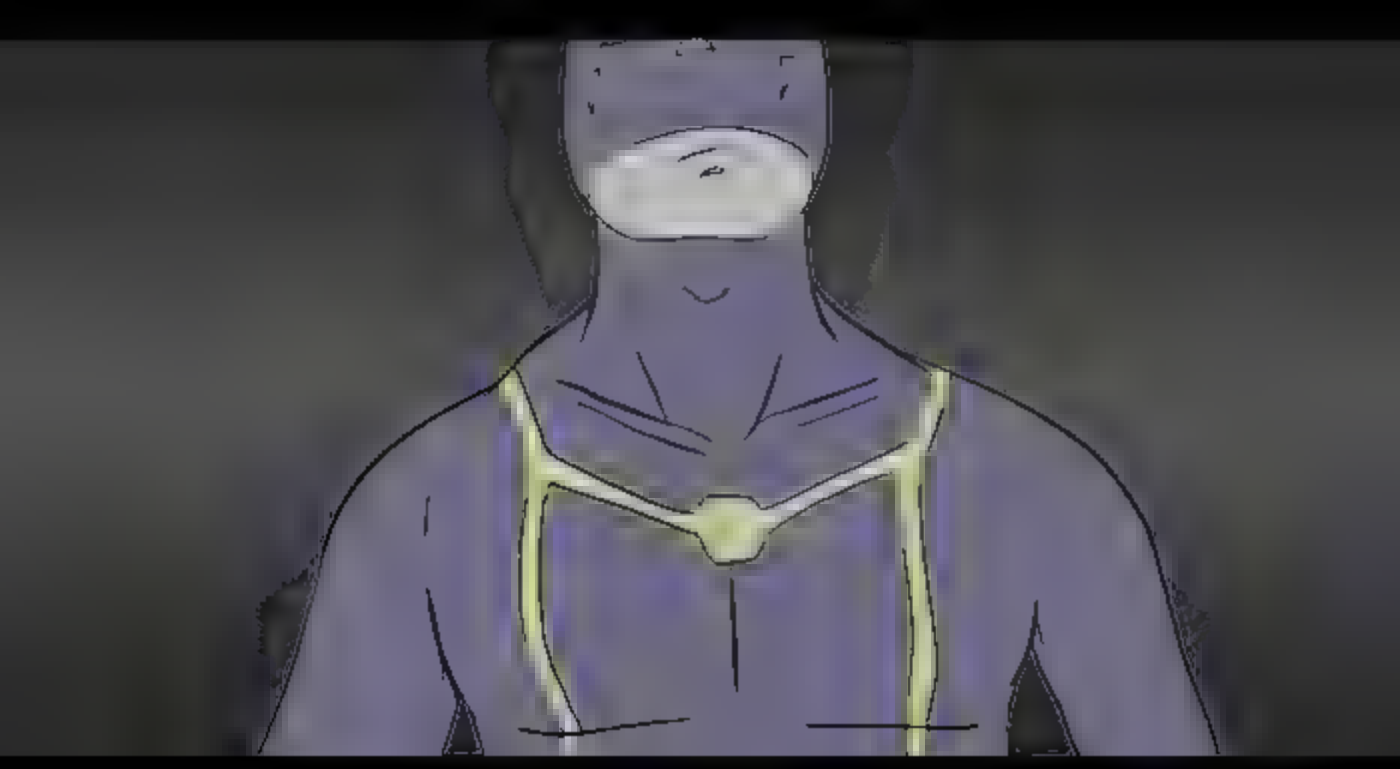
BUT
THESE ARE ALL JUST HYPOTHESES—
NOTHING IS KNOWN FOR SURE.

BUT ONE THING THAT IS CERTAIN

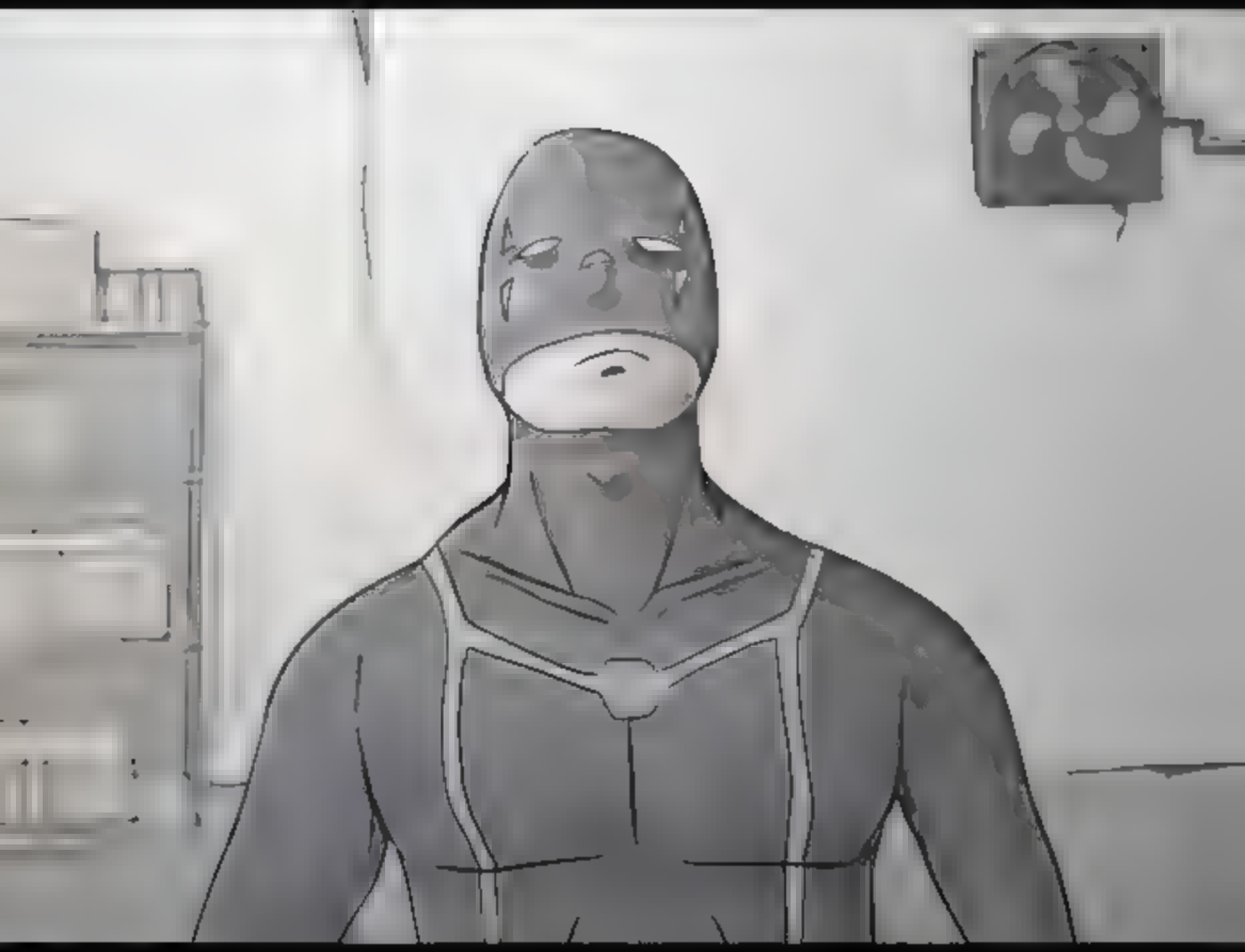
WHAT'RE YOU
JUST STARING AT!!!
WE'RE IN A BATTLE!!



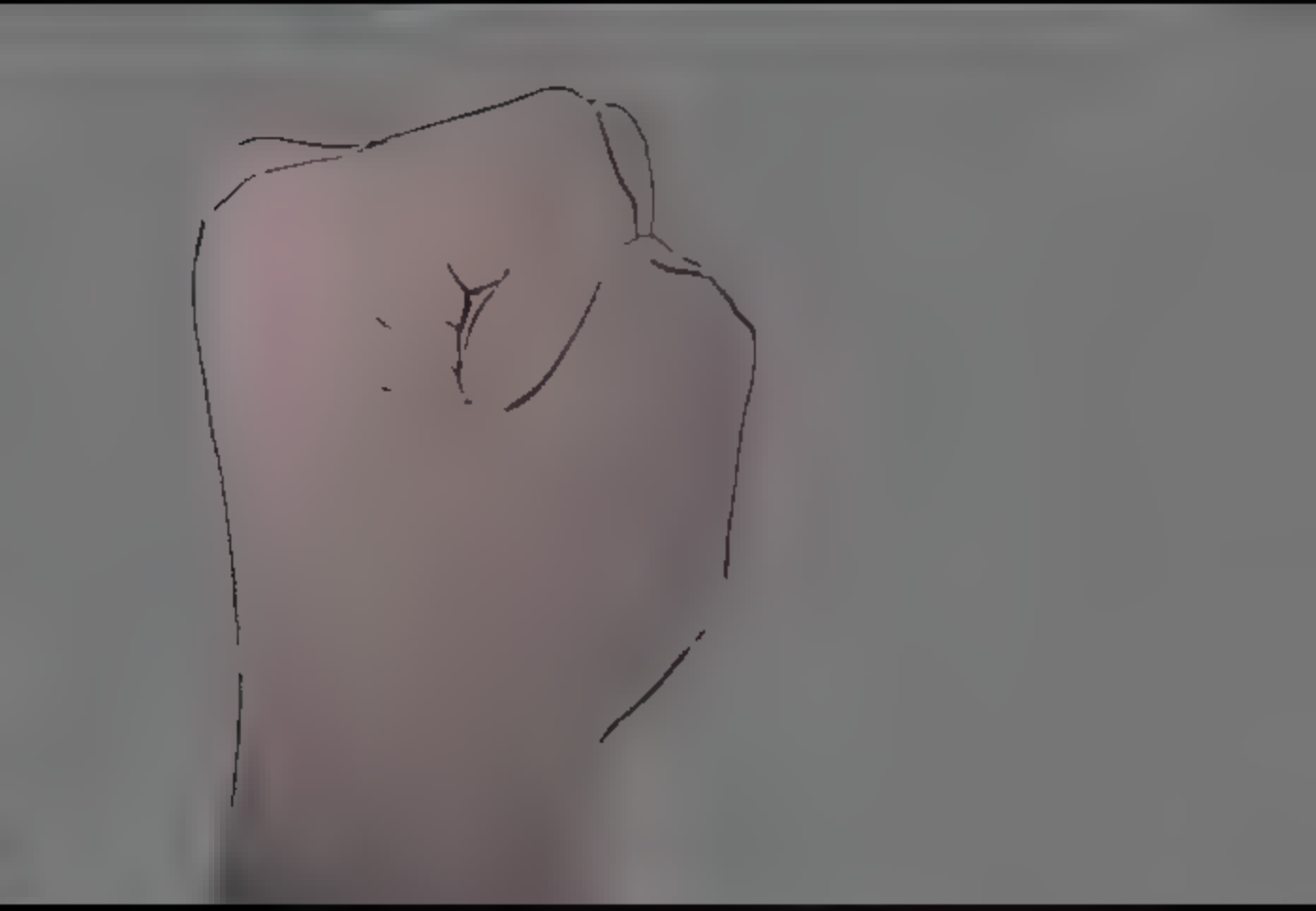
SINCE IT'S MY FIRST MISSION,
THEY TOLD ME TO AVOID DIRECT COMBAT



IS THAT I AM NOW ONE OF THEM!

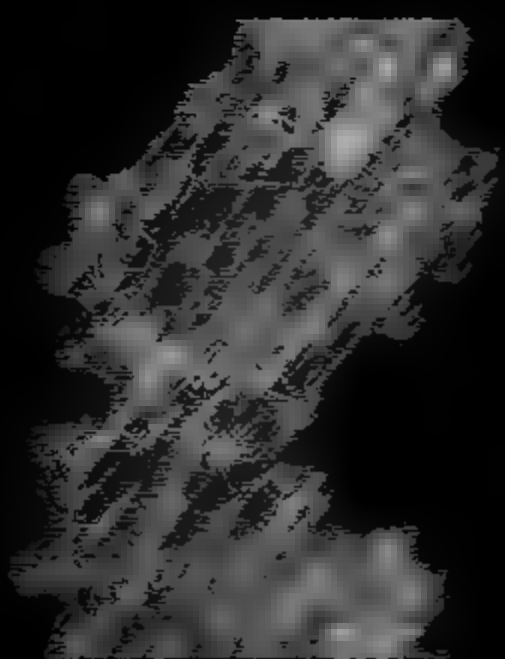


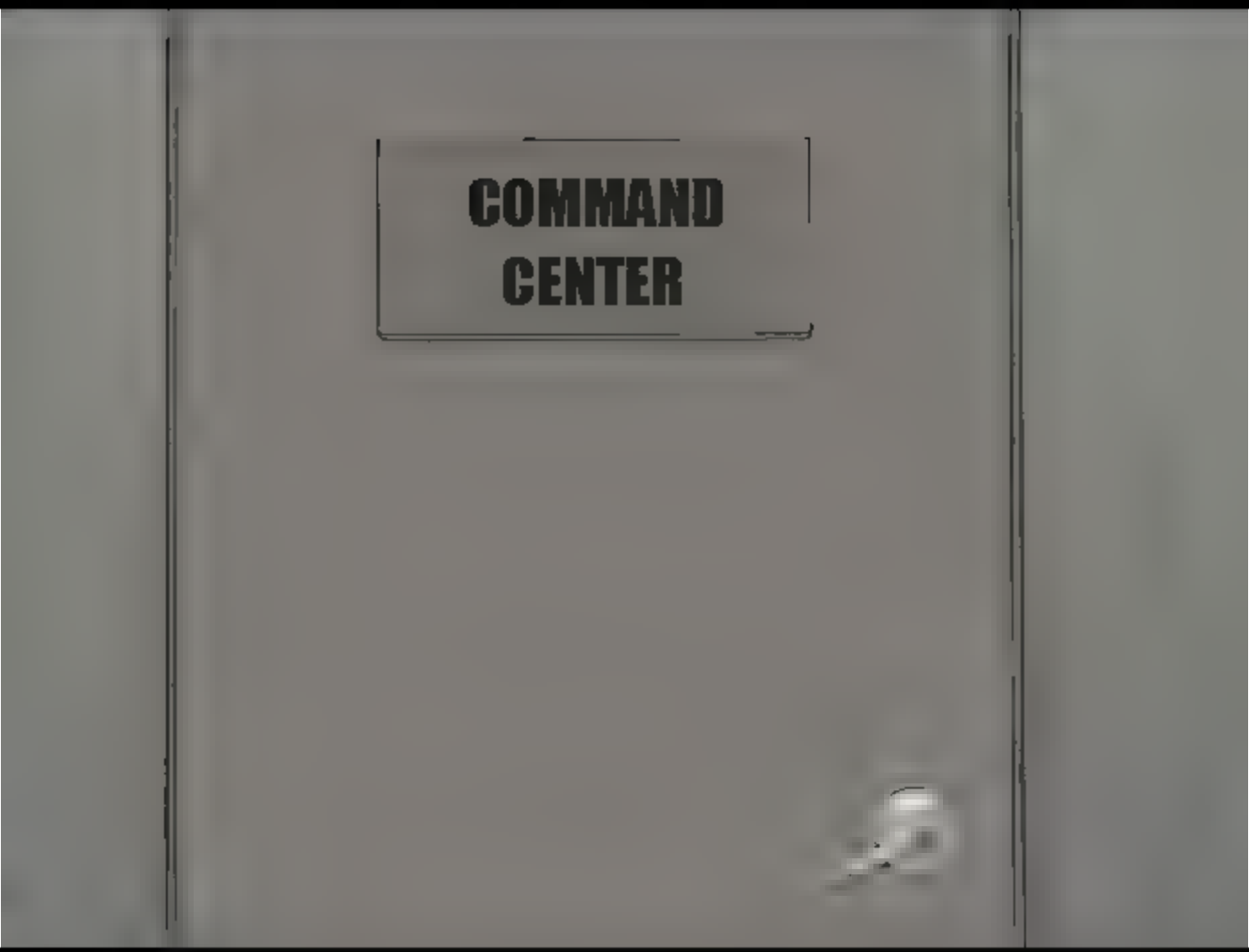
BUT IF THEY'RE IN DANGER,
I'LL GLADLY JUMP INTO ACTION.



SOME SAY IT'S BECAUSE THEY CAME INTO CONTACT WITH ALIENS AND WAS CONTAMINATED BY RADIATION

OTHERS SAY THAT EXTINCTION EVASION FUNCTIONS THAT HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN HUMAN DNA BECAME ACTIVE WHEN THIS CRISIS BEGAN




COMMAND
CENTER

WE ARE NOT A REGULAR ARMY.

WE DON'T RECEIVE ANY KIND OF SUPPORT

FROM A GOVERNMENT OR ORGANIZATION,

AND EVEN IF ONE OF US DIES IN BATTLE,

WE CANNOT EXPECT ANY KIND OF COMPENSATION.

NOT ONLY ARE WE NOT BURIED IN

THE NATIONAL CEMETERY— OUT BODIES

ARE CREMATED AND VANISH FOREVER.

ALL WE HAVE IN OUR LIFE IS A SENSE OF DUTY.

FRIDAY
FORBIDDEN TALES
禁曜日

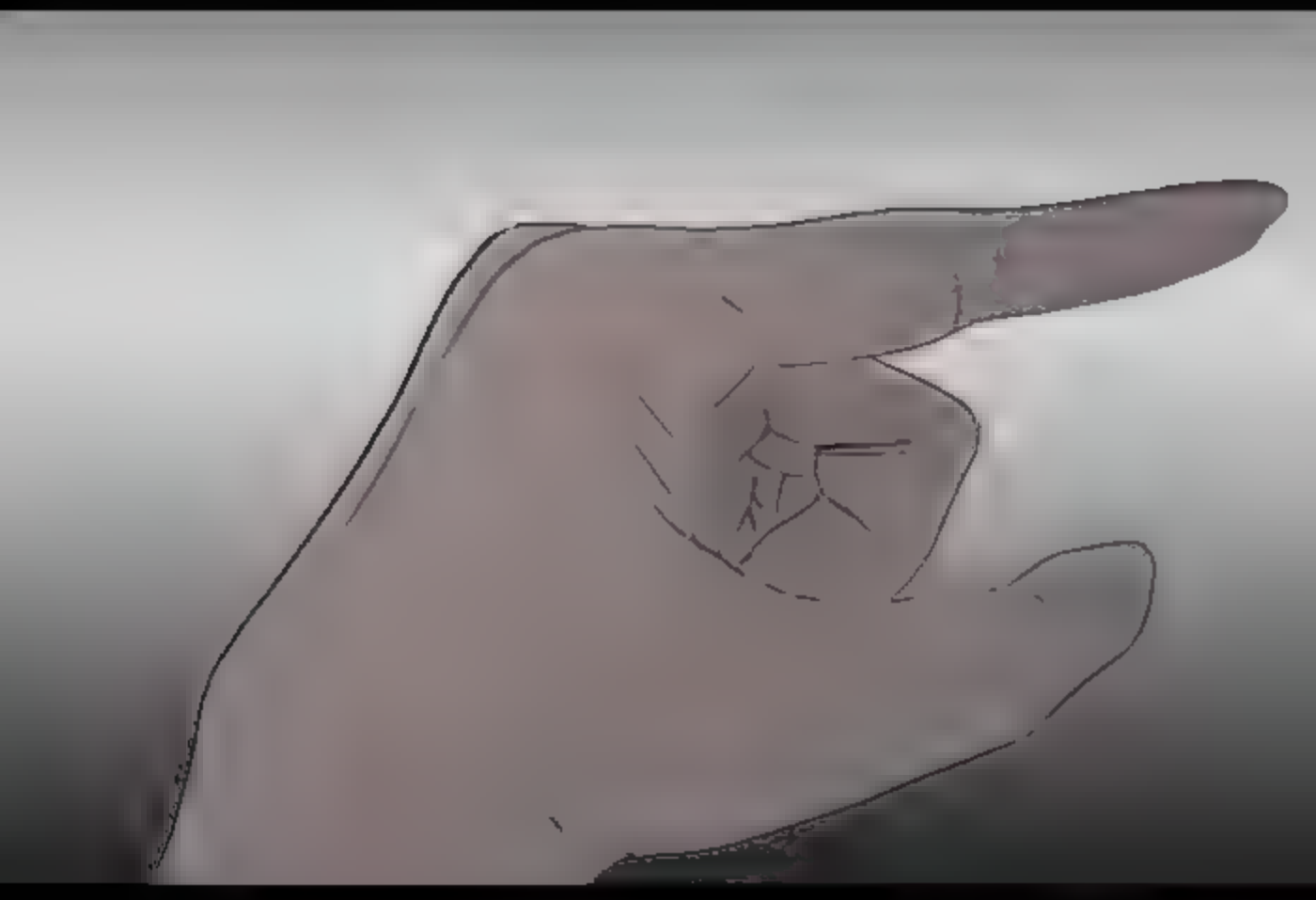
017. SUPERHERO (2)

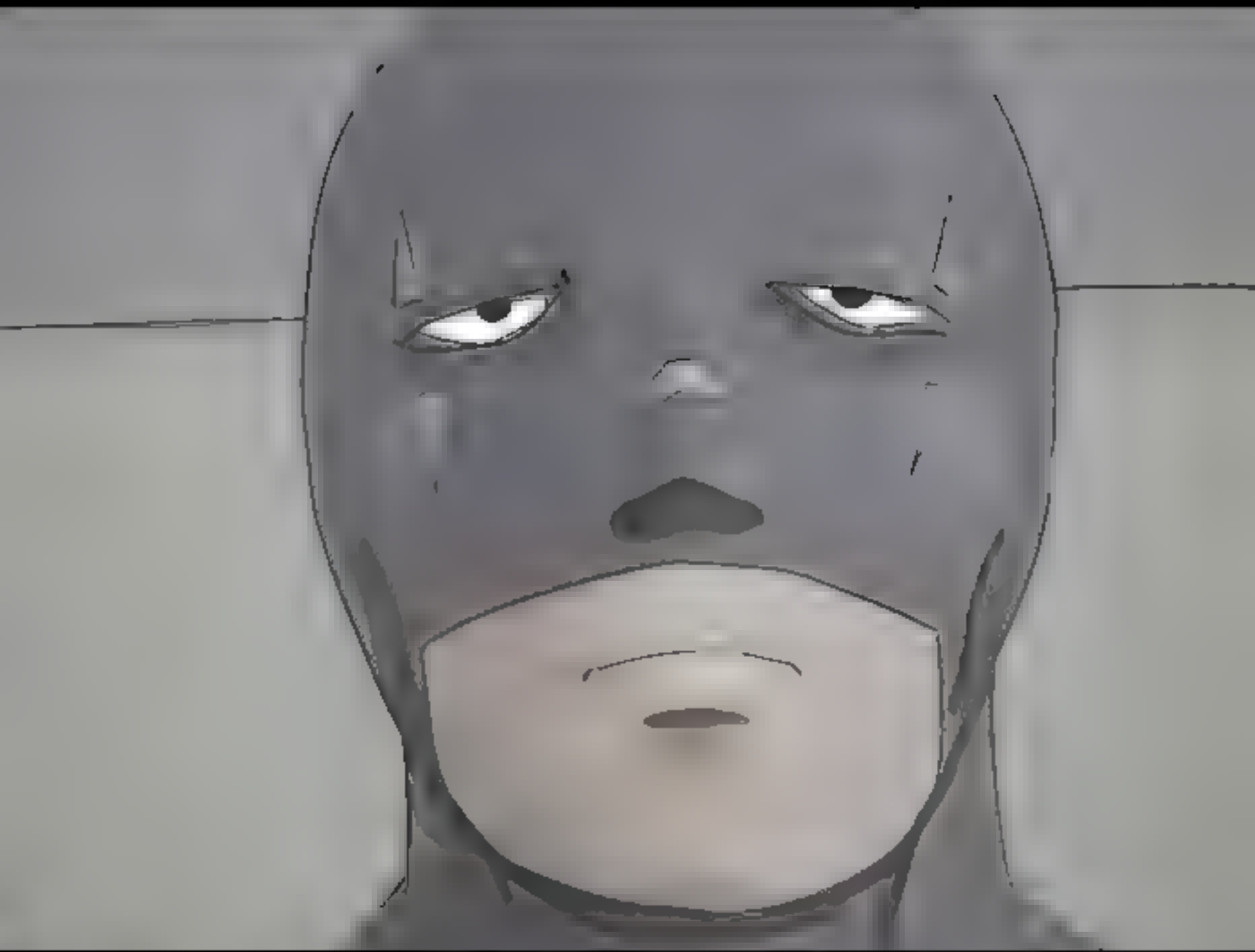
CODE NAME: FANDANGO

THE SPEED OF INFORMATION TRANSMISSION IN HIS NEURAL NETWORK IS FAR QUICKER THAN THAT OF NORMAL PEOPLE. HIS VISION, REACTION SPEED AND MOTOR SKILLS ARE COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF A CAT. IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT, THE NEOEPHRYTINE SECRETE IN HIS BODY ENHANCES HIS CONCENTRATION AND COGNITIVE SKILLS TO THE POINT OF MAKING THE WORLD SEEM TO MOVE SLOWER.

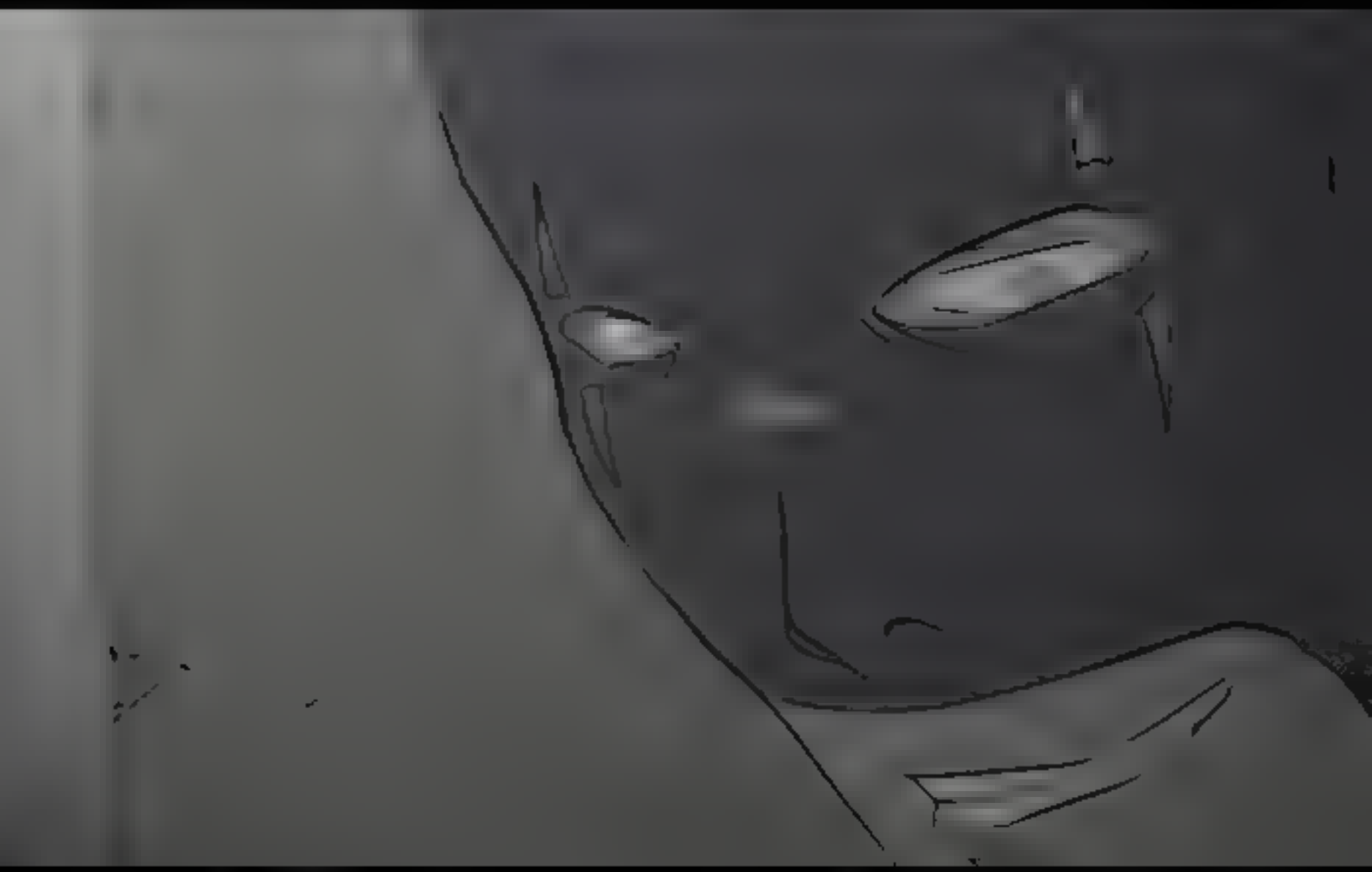
THAT I JUST STOOD THERE WATCHING,
LIKE AN ONLOOKER.

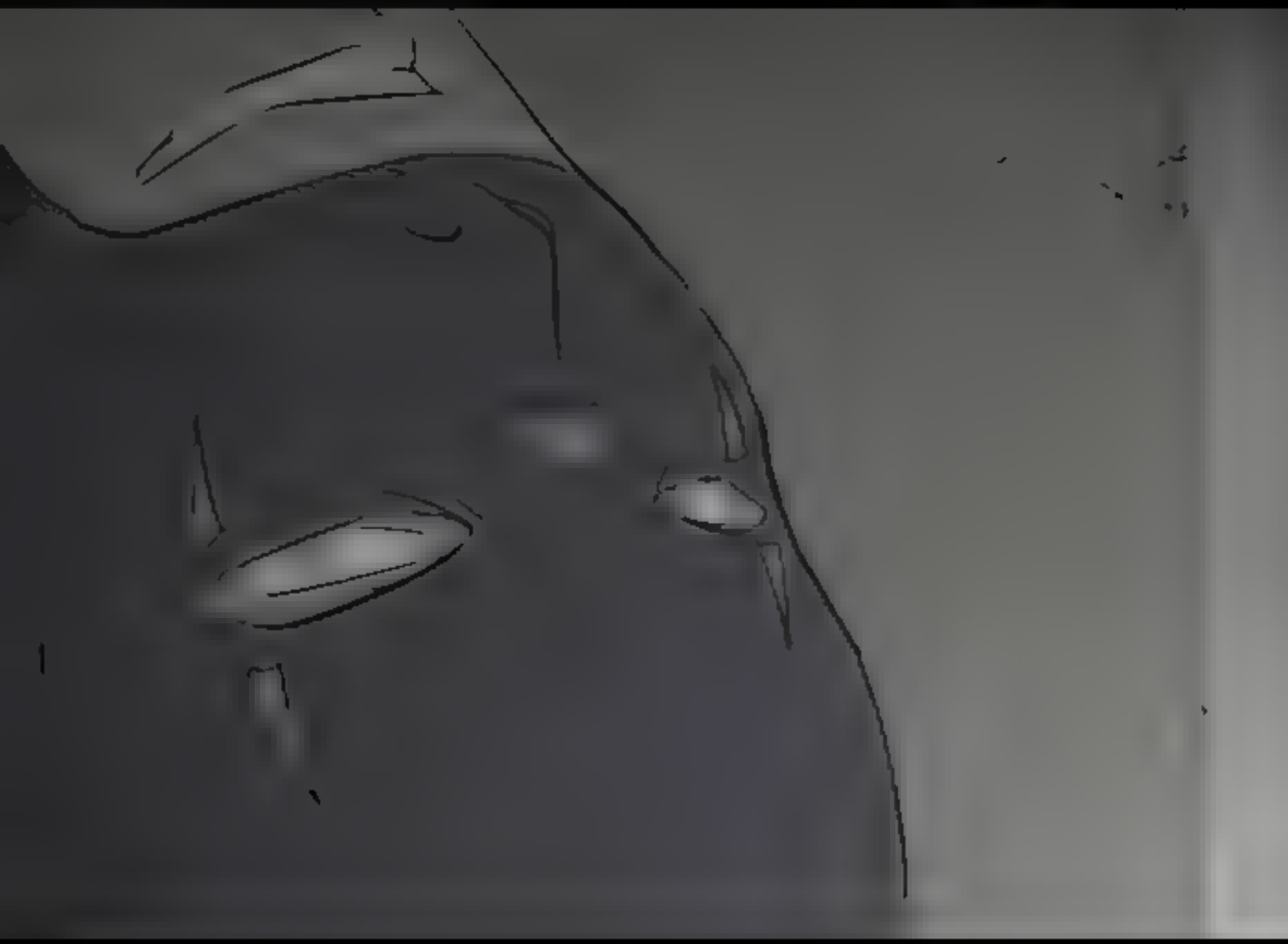
HUH
MY...

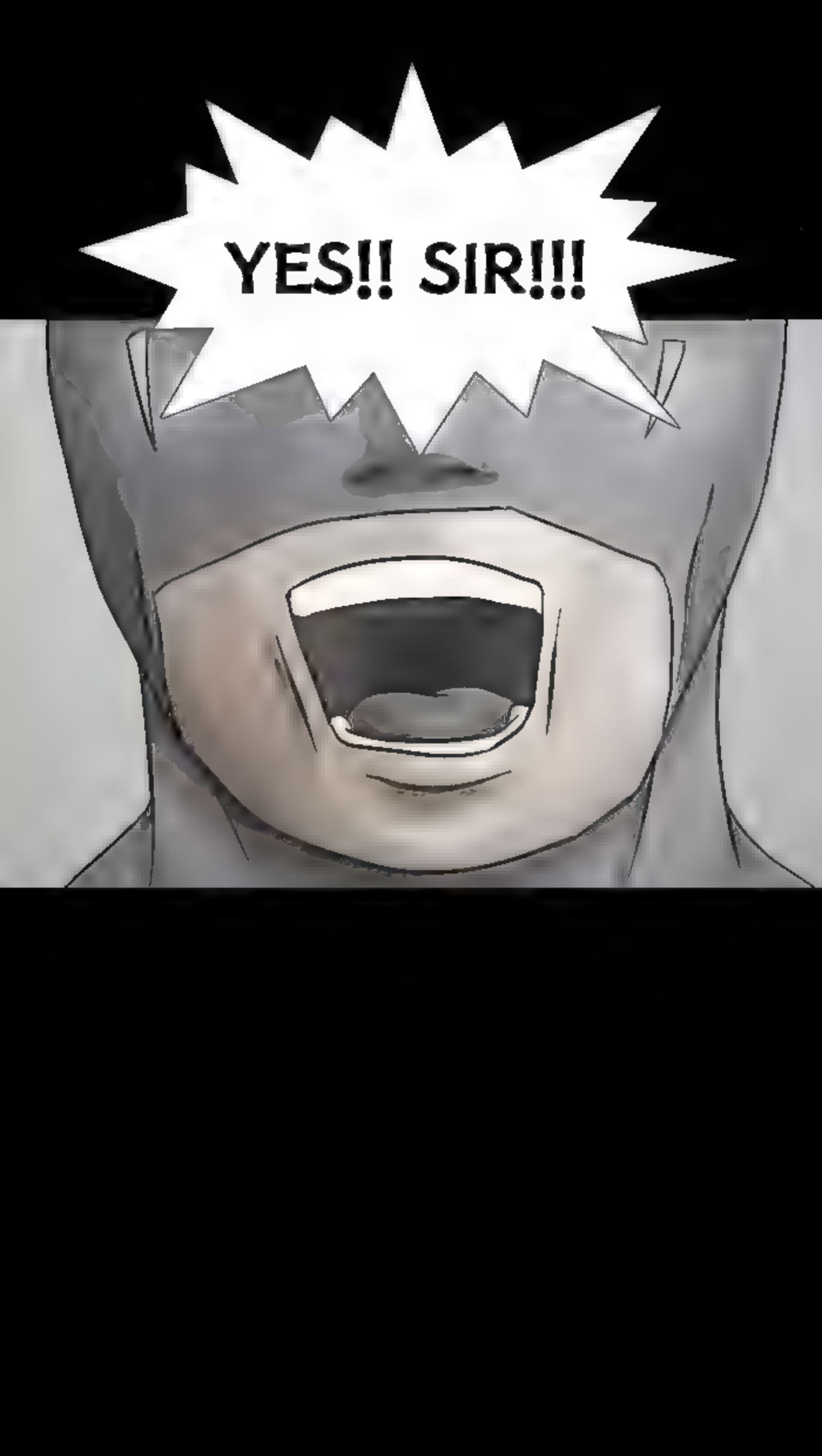




AN OVERWHELMING SENSE OF
SUPERIORITY OVER THOSE PEOPLE!






YES!! SIR!!!

MY FIRST MISSION

OUR SUITS ARE MADE FROM ALIEN LEATHER.

BY LEATHER, DO YOU MEAN... SKIN?

CODE NAME: TRIGGER

THE OSSEOUS TISSUE IN HIS ARMS IS MADE UP OF 67 MINUTE HOUSING JOINTS, WHICH GIVES HIM MOMENTARY CONTINUOUS MOTION FROM HIS 1ST JOINT IN HIS SHOULDER TO THE 67TH JOINT HIS WRIST AND ALLOWS HIM TO STRIKE THE AIR, CREATING A SHOCK WAVE. THIS DEALS SHOCK DAMAGE OF 1.5T/SQUARE METER WITHIN A RADIUS OF 10 METERS.

AND

IT MEANS THAT WE DON'T HAVE TRAINING FACILITIES, BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS OR SUPPLY TROOPS.